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SUBJECT: TRADE OPPORTUNITY: DIAMA DAM CONSTRUCTION

REF; DAKAR 2590 (AIDAC)

1. SENEGAL RIVER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (OMVS) HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY AND AID (REFTEL) PUBLICIZE INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATIONS OF FIRMS INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTION OF DIAMA DAM.

2. OMVS IS TRI-STATE COMMISSION (SENEGAL, MALI, MAURITANIA) CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING SENEGAL RIVER BASIN. FIRST MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN PROGRAM IS DIAMA DAM 26 KILOMETERS UPSTREAM FROM ST-LOUIS. COST ESTIMATES ON DAM RANGE BETWEEN \$120 AND 8190 MILLION. PRELIMINARY SPECIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE DAM EQUIPPED WITH SEVEN SEGMENTAL SPILLWAY GATES, NAVIGATION LOCK, AND ENCLOSURE-DIKE. THIS INVOLVES 3.5 MILLION CUBIC METERS EXCAVATION, AND UTILIZATION OF 95,000 CUBIC METERS OF CONCRETE AND 23,000 TONS STEEL SHEET PILING.

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B. REHABIDITATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF LEVEES LATERAL TO RESERVOIR (FIVE MILLION TONS OF BACKFILL).

C. CONSTRUCTION 100 KILOMETER ROAD.

D. SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION HYDROMECHANICAL AND ELEC-TRICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDING SEVEN SEGMENTAL

SPILLWAY GATES EACH 20 BY 11.5 METERS, TWO GATES FOR NAVIGATION LOCK AND COFFERDAMS UP AND DOWNSTREAM.

3. INTERESTED FIRMS MAY OBTAIN DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS AND PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM: OMVS, 5 PLACE DE L'INDEPENDANCE, B.P. 3152, DAKAR, SENEGAL. RESPONSES ARE REQUESTED NO LATER THAT MAY 15, 1978.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS USDOC GIVE PROJECT WIDE PUBLICITY AND POINT OUT SHORT TIME FACTOR. POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THIS IS FIRST PHASE IN ESTIMATED \$700 MILLION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ALONG SENEGAL RIVER WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY INCLUDE SECOND, LARGER DAM AT MANANTALI, MALI. MULTI-DONOR FINANCING PACKAGE IS BEING ASSEMBLED INCLUDING WORLD BANK, SAUDI, KUWAITI, FRG, FRENCH, AND DUTCH SOURCES. EXACT PACKAGE FOR DIAMA FINANCING IS UNCLEAR BUT PLEDGES TO DATE EASILY EXCEED IDAMA COST.  
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